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BRITISH RELATIONS WITH CHINESE REDS

London speculation on status of Hong Kong REVIEWING OF TREATIES?

London, January 22.

The trend of Britain's relations with Communist China aroused speculation in London tonight that Mao Tse-tung may be laying plans to "talk" Britain out of her Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

It was recalled that Mao has said repeatedly that he intends to review and if necessary, to revise or annul all existing treaties with China. His intention to review foreign treaties may well be the explanation of the unusual delay in accepting British recognition of the Peking regime which was granted earlier this month.

In its reply to the British note of recognition, the Peking Government suggested that the British charge d'affaires proceed to Peking to enter into "negotiations" on the basis of recognition. Diplomatic quarters here can recall no precedent for such an action.

32 killed in Bolivia crash

La Paz, January 22.

The Bolivian War Department announced tonight that 32 persons were killed yesterday when a military transport plane crashed near the village of Yacurachi in Cochabamba province.

Among those killed were 28 soldiers and four civilians. The plane was carrying 34 persons. An announcement by the Chief of Staff of the Army indicated that the plane which was not identified had crashed after two of its motors went out. The pilot was believed to have bailed out of the plane a few minutes before the crash. The plane was reported to have been on a mission to transport military supplies.

NOZAKA RETAINS HIS POST

Tokyo, January 22.

Sanzo Nozaka, Japan's No. 2 Communist, who was recently made the target of Communist attacks as a result of American newspaper reports that he was a member of the Japanese Communist Party, retained his post as secretary general of the party.

The Central Committee of the party, after closing its 10th "enlarged" convention which was called to study the recent Communist Party of China, announced today that Nozaka had been appointed to a new member of the Central Committee and re-organization of the secretariat.

The new line-up of the secretariat comprises Kiyoshi Tokuda, Japan's No. 1 Communist, as Secretary General and 11 members headed by Sanzo Nozaka.

The announcement was not accompanied by any reference to the recent Communist criticism or the subsequent statement issued by the party on it on January 20.

Nor did it contain any indication as to the contents of Tokuda's "general report" due for publication on Monday.—United Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 AM (2 p.m. HKST) a moderate, steady rain, with light to moderate winds, is expected to continue through the day.

Forecast for 24 hours: Rain, with moderate to heavy showers, and strong to gale force winds, from the S. of Japan. The depression is moving slowly Eastward across N. Japan, and deepening.

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Malayans for Sandhurst



The first two Malay Regiment Cadets selected for training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Sergeant Abdul Manan Bin Abas (right) and Sergeant Shukor Bin Chik (left) have left Singapore by air for the United Kingdom. (A. P. Photo.)

U.S. interest in pact for Asia increasing

Washington, January 22.

High American officials are becoming increasingly interested in the possibility of an Asian Pact to bolster that area against Communism. The idea was first suggested early last summer by the Philippine President, Elpidio Quirino. However, Americans now look to Australia and one or two other Commonwealth nations to provide the main impetus for such a movement, if it develops.

Japanese POWs' grim tale

Maizuru, January 22.

Russian prison guards destroyed all evidence of probably 150,000 Japanese soldier and civilian deaths in prison camps from the Caspian Sea to Vladivostok, Japanese repatriates from Siberia said here today.

There were 52 stretcher cases among the repatriates, who brought live boxes of ashes of deceased prisoners with them. The repatriates declared that between 6,000 and 7,000 Japanese now remain behind the Russian "Iron Curtain." They challenged the Japanese Government estimate that more than 300,000 Japanese, claiming that nearly 100,000 Japanese, believed missing in Russian camps, have either died or were killed by Chinese Communists in Manchuria before Russian troops took over.

The repatriates said that Russian lectures told them that Britain and America would soon start a third world war, this time with Russia. They said that Russian military activities had been increasing sharply since last year. They said that they had seen many Russian twin-engine bombers and tanks, but in recent months they had seen very little military activity because the Russians kept a strict security veil on military matters.

Airfields were built and exist throughout the countryside and there is increased training of soldiers. Some of the repatriates said that they had been employed at road-making and torpedo manufacture until 1947.

They said that giant concrete forts and gun emplacements are being constructed at Nahodka, a port on the Japan Sea near Vladivostok.

Russian lectures also told them: "We will beat any American atomic bombs with our five-year plans."

Many Russian, German and Polish prisoners, including 50 German girls in Japanese uniforms, were held in Western camps, repatriates from this prison said.

The food for the prisoners they described as not fit for pigs, but the Russian soldiers' food was no better.—Reuter.

Rating dead in harbour

The "China Mail" understands that the body of a British naval rating was picked up in the harbour on Saturday evening.

The man, reported to be a rating aboard HMS Jamaica, had been missing for a week.

Dismissals in Taiwan

Taipei, January 22.

The Chinese Nationalist cabinet today dismissed two Commissioners for Taiwan in response to growing protests from Taiwanese.

Removed from office were Chiang Wei-chuan, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, and Peng Teh, Commissioner of Reconstruction. They were two of five Commissioners serving under the Governor, K.C. Wu.

Their removal was demanded by the "Half Mountain Group" of Taiwanese who worked with the Chinese on the mainland. To liberate Taiwan from Japanese rule, the group accused Peng Teh of being a wartime collaborator with the Japanese. Chiang belonged to the "Sea Group," which remained in Taiwan during Japanese rule.

The two posts were filled by members of the "Half Mountain Group."

The dismissals were ordered to end bickering among Taiwanese and to allow Wu to go ahead with reforms through which he hopes to eliminate "special privileges" and to exercise closer control of the provincial economy.—Associated Press and United Press.

New military forces

It is important to witness that Manchuria is being completely Sovietized under the domination of Moscow-trained Li Li-san, whose loyalty to Stalin is unquestioned. George K. Jue, the head of the Chinese Chamber, says in speeches he is making to San Francisco trade groups.

"Mao Tse-tung is absolutely without power in Manchuria," the Russian influence in China. The Chinese Communist Army will be completely reorganized and called the Eastern Forces. Only the best elements will be retained.

"The new Eastern Forces are expected to become highly mobile units provided with modern tanks, and for the first time an air force will be created (for the Chinese Reds) from Chinese trained in the United States and young Chinese now being trained in Russia."

The new divisions, 50 in all, will be staffed by Russian officers. They will be used to spearhead the "liberation" of the Far East countries that have not accepted the Soviet conception of freedom.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

GURKHA SUCCESS IN JOHORE

Singapore, January 22.

Gurkhas killed 21 Communist guerrillas and wounded five others today when they surprised a band of 40 having breakfast in swampy jungle five miles North of Labis, mid-Johore.

It was the first major success by the security forces against the guerrillas since the state of emergency was declared 20 months ago. One Gurkha was seriously wounded.

Although caught off guard, the guerrillas fought fiercely for two hours before escaping into the thick jungle. A number of their arms, including 10 rifles, two Sten guns, a Tommy gun, two grenades and a large amount of ammunition.

Gurkhas are still pursuing the remnants of the force, identified as a platoon of the notorious Labis gang, which has been active in the area for the last 18 months.

A British police officer and five Malay police were killed in a terrorist ambush today, according to a report from North Malaya.—Reuter.

British weakness

"Izvestia" today claimed that the British Commonwealth Ministers' Conference in Colombo "confirmed once more the full dependence of British imperialism on the imperialism of the dollar."

The Conference had not justified the hopes of British ruling circles, "Izvestia" asserted, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency. "It merely de-

HAINAN REPORT OF INVASION OF INDO-CHINA

Taipei, January 22.

An official Nationalist news despatch said last night that a combined force of 30,000 Chinese Communist and Indo-Chinese troops are attacking French Indo-China troops along the Indo-Chinese border.

The Nationalist Central News agency despatch from the Ching Command Headquarters at Hoihow said the combined forces are attacking French brigades in Northern and North Eastern Tonkin province.

The attacks of the Chinese Communist and Viet Minh forces are being made at Cao-bang, 25 miles inside the Indo-Chinese border, and at Lang-son, 55 miles to the South East, the despatch said.

The despatch from General Pao Chung-hsi's headquarters in Hainan island said General Lin Piao is leading the attack in conjunction with Indo-Chinese rebel leader Ho Chi Minh's forces.

The Hainan despatch is the only source for the reported fighting and it cannot be confirmed here. The despatch did not give any details and failed to state whether the Indo-Chinese units involved included regular French units.

It is recalled, however, that the Communist Peking radio recently voiced threats against the French-sponsored Indo-Chinese leader, Bao Dai, warning that action would be taken "to protect Chinese being 'mistreated' in Indo-China."

The Hainan despatch did not mention whether any of General Pao's Nationalist troops who took refuge in Indo-China are involved in the reported fighting. The best estimates were that 30,000 of Pao's Central Command troops are inside the Indo-China border and another 20,000 in the border area.

official said in Hong Kong yesterday.

He added that Western countries should no longer entertain any doubts that the ultimate objective of the Chinese Communist Government was to effect the overthrow of existing Far Eastern governments, and replace them with Communist Governments.

The Chinese Government has given the initial preparatory reason for its action as the responsibility for overthrowing these governments to the Chinese Overseas Commission, which was formed in Peking early in October, 1949.

Chairman of the Commission, Ho Hsing-ni, is the widow of Lin Chung-kai, former candidate and financial adviser of Sun Yat-sen.

Last week, Ho Hsing-ni, in a radio broadcast, informed all overseas Chinese that they could gain favour with new Communist Government by exchanging what ever hard currency they could into Jen Min Pao dollars, and by purchasing Victory bonds.

The official said that if the Commission could first attract the support of influential Chinese in Far Eastern countries, and they in turn encourage local populations to support the overthrow of their respective governments, it would take only two or three years to oust the long-established governments of the Far East.

No Paris comment

Associated Press, pointing out that the report is wholly unconfirmed, says that as far as is known, there are no good communications between Hainan and Indo-China, which is under strict censorship.

Associated Press quotes Central News as saying that casualties were heavy on both sides.

In Paris, senior French Foreign Office officials were not available for comment early today on the report.

One informant, advised of the report from the Chinese Nationalist Central News Agency, said: "This is very serious."

The Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, is reported to be out of Paris for the week-end.

Peking Radio reported tonight that Communist forces operating in the Hainan-Indo-China border area captured Mengtze town and airfield and Pingling, to the South of Mengtze, several days ago.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

Communist plans

Chinese Communist recognition of the guerrilla leader, Ho Chi-minh in Vietnam as head of the legal government of that country is the first step in Communist expansion throughout the Far East, a highly informed foreign

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Government gives Personalities Squatters extra month's grace

The Government order, requiring all huts within the squatter area, gutted by the recent fire in Kowloon City to be removed by February 1, has been extended to the end of the month, it was officially announced yesterday.

This modification of the original order takes into account the approach of the Chinese New Year and certain rehabilitation plans now under way.

One of the plans undertaken by a Joint Relief Committee, representing 22 commercial, charitable and social organizations in the Colony which was set up on the same day of the disaster, envisaged a special resettlement scheme for registered fire victims near the Homantin Valley, site of a former Chinese cemetery.

The announcement said: "On the evening of January 11 a number of public-spirited Hong Kong residents visited the scene of the disaster to offer whatever help they could. By the morning of the next day they had set up a Joint Relief Committee and the co-ordination of practical relief work had already been well advanced.

"This Committee represents 22 commercial, charitable and social organizations, and is under the leadership of Mr. Daniel Chen of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce."

"Through the energy and patient hard work of its leaders, and with the generous support of all its members and of the public,"

the Committee has made outstanding contributions to the quick relief and to the longer-term constructive rehabilitation of victims of the fire. It has co-ordinated the work and goodwill of all interested voluntary organizations, but acted as their agent in carrying out a unified relief programme, and has shown an unselfish readiness to co-operate with Government's activities and plans. On January 10 this Committee reconstituted itself as a long-term Rehabilitation Committee, and has since drafted out and discussed with Government a number of constructive proposals.

"As a temporary measure, and for a short period, two substantial meals a day will continue to be served to the registered fire victims at a feeding centre off Argyle Street. This is a Government responsibility, but the Rehabilitation Committee has volunteered to continue to help with the distribution and to supply additional food and clothing donated by the public.

New shelter

"Secondly, although most of the victims of the fire have managed to find temporary makeshift accommodation with relatives or friends, there are 428 who have gratefully accepted a few days' lodging offered by several local schools, churches and Government welfare centres. It has now been arranged that these 428 persons will be transferred early this week to a new shelter erected by the Committee in Nga Chi Hong Road on land made available by Government, until more satisfactory rehoming arrangements can be made."

"Thirdly, an area near the former Chinese Cemetery in the Homantin valley is being set aside by Government for the Committee to initiate a special resettlement scheme for registered fire victims. A water supply is being laid on and fire lanes will be marked out on the site so that suitable huts can be constructed by the Committee in accordance with an approved general layout.

"In view of these plans and at the same time, the Committee, Government has decided to modify the terms of its order requiring all huts within the squatter clearance area gutted after the fire to be removed by the 1st February, and has granted an extension until the end of February. This date takes into account the approach of Chinese New Year, and it is hoped that the extension will give the Committee sufficient time to make further progress with its plans.

"Government wishes to record its warm appreciation of the loyal and co-operative work done by the Rehabilitation Committee. It is hoped that this co-operation may form a sound basis for the carrying out of more extensive plans which are now under consideration and which will in due course be announced through the Public Relations Officer."

UNIONS AND NEW RED FLAG

A spokesman of the Hong Kong Seamen's Union said yesterday that although the Union were flying the "Five Star" flag and the Chinese Seamen's Union were running a flag to be flying the same flag, there had been no negotiations between them for amalgamation.

"The spokesman added that the Chinese Seamen's Union were flying the "Five Star" flag and the Chinese Seamen's Union were running a flag to be flying the same flag, there had been no negotiations between them for amalgamation.

"Our members," he said, "follow the orders of the shipping companies. When necessary they will obey the orders of the Union but only when they are decided by a majority vote."

"Our work, and aim," he continued, "is to help the seamen in Hong Kong and to see that they are well cared for and not subjected to hardships. We feel that there is a wide difference between the seamen and the companies and we work for when a necessary work."

Asked if they had mediated in the month-old dispute between the two unions, he said: "The Chinese Seamen's Union were running a flag to be flying the same flag, there had been no negotiations between them for amalgamation."

BANK MISSION TO TOUR EAST

An international mission from the World Bank will visit the Far East shortly to check on loan applications and possible future requests for loans by Oriental nations from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development.

An American informant said the mission will check on Siam's application for \$73,000,000 in loans, and possibly on a request from the Philippines for an IBRD development loan for a project on Luzon.

He said the mission will visit Siam, Pakistan and possibly Ceylon. Pakistan is not yet a member of the World Bank, but is understood to be negotiating for membership.

Four IBRD men are reported to be in Siam, checking that country's loan application.

The American said the mission's visit has significant implications economically for the U.S. and Japan.

If South East Asian countries can obtain IBRD loans for agriculture, they may be able to increase their food output, he explained. Japan then might be able to exchange some of her increasing industrial production for food from those nations. The other nations could use Japanese-made industrial products such as steel, rail equipment and machinery, to build up their own economies.

Such an arrangement would reduce the number of dollars that the U.S. has to spend to buy food for Japan, a saving which would please the economy-minded American Congress.

Last year, for instance, Japan's food imports are estimated to have cost the American taxpayers some \$210,000,000.

U.S. interested

The U.S. evidently is deeply interested in the forthcoming Asia visit of the World Bank men. SCAP is sending two experts on a 45-day survey of South East Asia to study and outline the mutual advantages of increased exchanges of their food for Japanese industrial products.

Robert West, deputy to the Army Under-Secretary, Tracy Voorhees, will travel with the SCAP experts on at least part of their survey trip.

The possibility of increased exchanges of food by other Oriental nations for Japanese industrial goods and the resultant savings in U.S. dollars were said to have impressed Mr. Voorhees when he was here last year.

The forthcoming visit by the World Bank mission is their first mission in recent weeks of a re-

Personalities

Mr. G. J. Hensman, Director of the Trade Commission Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, arrived from Singapore by a British Overseas Airways aircraft yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hensman, who is on a World tour, will leave for Manila tomorrow.

Headed by Mr. Robert West, Deputy to the Under-Secretary of the United States Army, Washington, six U.S. Government officials left for Bangkok by a Pacific Overseas Airways plane yesterday morning.

The officials, who are on a surveying trip to see whether there is any possibility of exchanging the island of Luzon for Japanese products, arrived here from Tokyo on Saturday.

Enrolment in Essential Services Corps

A total of 1,742 recruits have been enrolled thus far in the Essential Services Corps, Mr. K. Ashdown, the Commissioner of Essential Services, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

He said that during last week 858 new recruits were enrolled. So far the proportion between Chinese and non-Chinese recruits for the service is about equal.

Mr. Ashdown described the progress of recruitment as satisfactory.

"People are enlisting according to plan, and I am by no means disappointed," he declared.

Asked if he planned to make another appeal for recruits, Mr. Ashdown said he was not contemplating such a move, but if a slackening of response were to eventuate in the near future he would probably give a broadcast.

The Commissioner said it would be hard to accept applications from all who had not yet enlisted in Hong Kong. They were not to be recruited here permanently. There was no point in their staying in the Colony as they were not needed.

Compulsory for recruits in the Corps began more than a month ago when the Government, in exchange for the service in a permanent, his talk was enlarged upon two weeks later by broadcasts delivered by Mr. Ashdown and Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Fisher, senior staff officer of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

Application forms were distributed among public institutions and clubs.

The office of the Corps is located on the ground floor of King's Building, Commercial Road.

JOINT CONCERT AT HK HOTEL

Two singing stars of Rediffusion—Miss Den Sou-chi and Mr. Yau Ying-fung gave a joint vocal recital last night before an appreciative audience at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The programme included selections from Hong Kong, Blue, Verdi and Schubert. There were some Chinese art songs and folk songs, which both singers rendered in their own respective unique style.

Miss Du Yeh-shen accompanied on the piano.

The recital was given to mark the forthcoming departure of both Miss Den and Mr. Pan for China.

The singers are both graduates of the National Conservatory of Music, Shanghai. They have taught in the Fine Arts Conservatory of Kwangsi Province.

Miss Den and Mr. Pan have given numerous concerts in various cities of China. They arrived in Hong Kong last autumn and have entertained local music lovers at the YMCA, and over the air from Rediffusion Studios.

SHIP'S OFFICER IN HOSPITAL

A European officer of the ss Kwong Sai, who was found unconscious in his cabin on board the steamer yesterday morning, was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

The Kwong Sai, which is on the Macao run, was berthed at the Yuen On Wharf.

BURMA FIGHTING

Nangoon, January 21. Fifty People's Volunteer Organization rebels were killed in an attack on a Government outpost in the Myingyan district, South West of Mandalay, according to a Burmese Government announcement today.

About 400 miles North of Nangoon, the Communist forces had taken the town of Kyaukpadaung, captured by the rebels early in 1949, has been re-occupied without resistance, the Government also announced—Associated Press.

ing interest in economic conditions in Asia, although that interest seemed somewhat dampened by Congressional rejection of the Korea Aid bill.

The United States officials were the reported participants in the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Burma with a sizeable loan and the U.S. Ambassador at Large, Philip Jessup, remarking that "American officials would be more than willing to be present at the Bangkok conference of American, Asiatic and European representatives."

Squatters look forward to new Homantin homes

Three thousand people with tired eyes and worried heads look forward to the piece of land nestling among the hills in Homantin. They are the poor dispossessed, the victims of the fire that swept away their all but that courage and unquenchable desire to live and try again.

Camping under the sky and jealously guarding their own, the people are waiting. They are awaiting their turn of Government allocation of their share of the "15-foot-square."

The area in Homantin which has been designated by Government as the new site for the squatter's colony from Kowloon City, was visited by a "China Mail" reporter yesterday. The place is being used at the moment as a temporary feeding centre for the squatters.

The land is not unused. A greater portion of it is being farmed and if, eventually, the squatters were to settle there, much of the hill will have to be done to accommodate the 3,000.

Only 10 people have been granted permission so far to proceed with the construction of their huts. They were busy levelling their site yesterday while 1,000 squatters waited in their "camps" which have still to be assembled.

It cost between \$80 to \$100 to set up a "home," one prospective tenant of the Homantin colony told the "China Mail." He has the money, he says, but he had to borrow from "more fortunate" relations. Another had managed to salvage half of the wood that was once his home in Kowloon City. His difficulty now is to find money to buy seed to set up the other half of his hut.

Among those now setting up a roof and shelter in Homantin is Cheong Kap. He is the head of a family of seven. His trade he says, is in salt. He has been three-quarters of his life in Kowloon City together with all his material belongings, of which his stock of salt fish was the most important, went up in flames that he had no time to think about that, he said. He must put up his home quickly to go out again to resume his salt fish trade. He had been very lucky, he told the reporter, that one worry was now over anyway.

700 huts

The new squatter colony will hold some 700 huts according to the estimate of the people there. Some over-anxious squatters had set up their huts among the colony long established in the hills. But Government, for safety reasons, had ordered these to be dismantled. Iron piping for water supply was being installed when the reporter visited the area yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that each hut will be raised within an area of 15 feet square and separated from one another by a margin of five feet. Government erected huts with full lighting and water facilities cost \$800 each. These huts may be owned by the hire-purchase system on installment payments of \$50 each month.

Most squatters interviewed yesterday said that the sum was far beyond their means.

The squatters while they wait have only one fear. It is not the fear of the graveyard surroundings nor the cold winds of the night, nor for the expected rains. But for the incalculable powers that threaten day and night to prey upon their nerves belong to the hills. They also fear the oppor-

U.S. Architect to help design new Wah Yan

Mr. Philip Will Jr. of Perkins and Will of Chicago, specialist in the design of educational buildings, has arrived here from the United States to work as consultant architect in the designing of the new Wah Yan College.

He will remain in the Colony for some weeks until he has completed the work which will be done in consultation with Mr. A. H. Bado.

Mr. Will, a graduate of Cornell University in 1919, has conducted a numerous articles on architectural planning in the architectural magazines.

In the past 15 years, his firm has built schools in many parts of the United States. Perhaps the best known of these is the Crew School, Illinois.

The American Institute of Architects awarded to the company the 1941 Award of Merit for the design of the Hagen Elementary School at Glen View, Illinois.

Mr. Will is director of the Chicago Chapter of the AIA.

LECTURES BY ARCHAEOLOGIST

The prehistoric men who inhabited the plain of North China and the Giant Men who lived in the mountains of what is now Kwangsi Province will be among the subjects to be discussed to-night in a new series of lectures designed to give an introduction to Chinese civilization.

The lecturer is a Chinese archaeologist of distinction, Dr. Cheng Te-Kun, formerly professor of Chinese history at the West China University.

In a series of 10 lectures Dr. Cheng will cover archaeology, early and modern history, religion, philosophy and the art of China.

His early lectures will be of special interest as he will bring to his subject the scientific method of a modern archaeologist and will throw light on the mythological past of China.

Dr. Cheng lectured at Cambridge University and the Courtauld Institute of Fine Art, London, in 1948.

The lecture is in the British Council Library, Statue Square at 5.30 p.m.

Sale of permits for inoculation

Permits for inoculation of dogs against rabies will be on sale at the Kowloon Post Office, Tsimshatsui, beginning from Wednesday, in addition to the Treasury and the Jockey Club premises opposite the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon.

This was announced yesterday by a spokesman for the Urban Council. At the same time he urged dog-owners not to wait until the last moment to have their pets inoculated but to do so now to avoid the last-minute rush.

He said that during the last week there has been a fairly steady stream of owners bringing their dogs for inoculation. The inoculation centres, he added, could, however, comfortably handle many more dogs than were being at present brought to the centres.

He said that there appeared to be a tendency among dog owners to hold back to avoid the rush.

He warned that at the present rate there would undoubtedly be a rush towards the end of the inoculating period on March 31, and owners would then be inconvenienced by being obliged to agree with their dogs.

The spokesman said that a number of persons were not complying with the rules and regulations of the dog on the black permit forms. They had purchased in addition they were sending their dogs to the centres with servants, who frequently were unaware of their master's correct name and address.

He said this would create difficulties when more dogs were being brought to the centres. He particularly urged the public to co-operate by filling in the required particulars on the permit.

In legible English, before sending or bringing their dogs to the centres.

Private inoculation

Some persons he added, were purchasing Government permits and were then taking their dogs to private veterinary surgeons for inoculation. This was not correct. The public should only purchase the Government form when they intend to take their dogs to a Government centre. He added the approved veterinary surgeons would issue their own certificates and these would be accepted by the Police for licensing.

Regarding people who had brought their dogs long distances to the centres for inoculation, he said that this was unnecessary as centres would be periodically opened up for various districts. A centre would operate in the Happy Valley district early next month. The Government would then be inconvenienced by being obliged to agree with their dogs.

A hundred years ago

TALES TOLD IN "CHINA MAIL" FILES

The ship Blackfriars arrived from London on Monday, reports having signalled the troop ship "Apollo," on December 23, off the island of Borneo (in the South of the equator near the Chinese mainland). The "Apollo" is therefore expected immediately. She carries none too soon, there is a good deal of sickness among the men of the 85th, and it was desirable that they embarked and got clear of the China area before the North East monsoon breaks up.

The 85th have been particularly unfortunate during their term of colonial service. In Ceylon they suffered much from cholera, that scourge having made one of its occasional visits to the district in which they were quartered the year before they embarked for China.

During their first summer in Hong Kong, the 85th were tolerably healthy, but in 1913 fever appeared in the new barracks in its most violent form, and before the season closed half of them were dead, in the Hospital, or convalescent unit for duty.

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As may be expected, the pay of the troops is a good deal in arrears; this the old garrison bore with much patience, suffering great privations. But on arriving recently brought on from Goa were paid in full, the old hands became clamorous, and on Wednesday or Thursday last a number of them turned out in the square demanding to be paid. The difficulty was arranged by complying with their demand, just enough to themselves and the breach of discipline has been overlooked. After the threatened revolt the disaffected were placed in the Franciscan Fort, but on Saturday they were mounting guard at various posts.

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We confess we do not see a very bright future for Macao; but if the report be correct, that France has been negotiating with Portugal for a transfer of her title, then there may be better days in store for the ancient city.

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2. Persons wishing to register for rice cards should go, during the usual hours of business, to the nearest Government rice retail shop in the district in which they live between January 25 and 30. Application forms can be obtained at those shops, a fee of 5 cents per form being charged to cover printing costs. No person already holding a ration card or included in a family ration card may register under this scheme. Any one so doing will be liable to prosecution under the Rationing Order 1946.

3. The application form is designed to cover families and their servants, not merely individuals. In the case of families only one form is required.

4. Applications must be considered by a person belonging to one of the following categories:—

- (1) the employer of the applicant
- (2) the manager of a Licensed Bank
- (3) a Doctor
- (4) a Justice of the Peace
- (5) a shop keeper, other than the keeper of a Government rice retail shop
- (6) in the case of applicant resident in the New Territories, a village representative

5. A person counter-signing an application must indicate his qualification to sign on the application form.

6. When the forms have been completed they should be returned to the Government rice shops from which they were obtained. The applicant will then be handed back the counterfoil duly chopped by the rice shop. This counterfoil should be carefully retained.

7. Completed application forms will be accepted only from January 25 to February 1. No applications will be considered thereafter. The public are therefore advised to obtain their application forms and return them duly completed before the closing date.

DIRECTOR
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January 20, 1950.

NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 11th February, 1950 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949 and to elect Directors and appoint auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 18, 1950.

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Softball:

Canadians humiliate St. Joseph's 8-4

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Softball fans at King's Park yesterday had more than their weekly quota of thrills as Braves bowed to St. Joseph's 10-7 while Canadians humiliated St. Joseph's 8-4 in a tilt highlighted by Barney Abbas' homer in the fifth with the bases loaded.

Jaguars became one step nearer to the play-offs when they nosed out Madcaps 5-4 in a tussle featured by three twin-killings by the victors, while Americans consolidated their league standing with a 9-1 triumph over Pandas.

Cumbancheros parted company with their cellar-mates the Baseballers as they notched up their first win of the season at the expense of Daredevils 5-4. Salisbury Sound accounted for Paks 6-3 while Chung Hwa overwhelmed Baseballers 27-4.

In the Junior League, Rexen maintained leadership when they downed Blackhaws 13-9 while Fen Barretto's youthful Delawareans trailing at the end of the league standings, created the upset of the week as they blanked Jaguar Cubs 4-0.

Jaguars 5—Madcaps 4

Jaguars denied the rubber twice in the initial frame on Rudolfo "Chandu" Pedue's timely two-bagger with ducks in the pond, but Madcaps retaliated with a splash of four runs in their half on a single, a sacrifice and four errors.

Bunching up three solid blows in the next semester, the Jolting Jags crossed the plate three times to regain the lead, and added another in the next frame on a drive by Frankie Barros.

Both sides played brilliant ball and there was no further scoring until the bottom of the fifth when Madcaps connected safely twice in succession aided by Jim Moore's sacrifice bunt.

In the sixth frame, Jaguars vent down one-two-three while Madcaps were also retired in succession despite the fact that Eddie Marques threw a walk, but was nailed at the mid-way cushion.

In the top of the seventh, Jaguars threw away a scoring chance when Eric Guest poked out a three-base hit but was stopped cold at the plate with reckless base-running. Vic Pedue and Chandu Pedue were retired and the Madcaps came in for their last licks trailing one run.

Louis Oliver opened the inning with a dribbler to third base but Sid Hollands bunted a pop fly to Gerry Langenberg, and Oliver was caught off base. George Saunders stood still on a third strike to end the game for another Madcap setback.

Winning hurler, Vic Pedue, pitched a four-hit game and walked three, striking out for the last batter of the game, while Kelly Silva-Netto for the losers also passed three and fanned one, but yielded six hits which meant the difference. Eric Guest's bat boomed for two in four which in-

cluded in triple, while Gerry Langenberg and Chandu Pedue also made a double apiece.

St. Toroso 10—Braves 7
Rivalry between St. Torosa's and Braves was settled yesterday when the former triumphed 10-7 in a game featured by a total of nine sacrifice hits—a record for a single game.

The tussle was also full of thrills and spills. In the first inning, Bob Remedios was wounded when he collided with Carlos Yvanovich, followed by Kito Hyndman's bunt which was fouled and almost hit into his glasses.

Jamar Eriksen was the next victim as team-mate Rocco Rosario collided with him in an attempt to freeze a catch.

Hitting was free as the Braves collected 10 hits, while the Saints took Mickey Remedios and Edo Almeida for eight, but the pity was that Jamar Eriksen lost his batting lead as he failed to connect even once. In four times at bat Spiky Gutierrez took over the title with two safeties in both times at bat.

Canadians 8—St. Joseph's 4

The Saints faltered again in the home stretch as the Canucks came from behind in the fifth to grab the lead with a four run up-astir after two outs.

Bases were loaded on a single fielder's choice and a walk and clutch-hitter Barney Abbas poked out a drive to centre-field that went past the gardener for a round-tripper. Another two runs were given away on the upstater when Kussu Nazarin and Don Robbins scored on a wild heave.

Both sides shared sixteen hits equally, the Saints turning in two double-plays. Tiger Hudson of the Canucks had a perfect day at the plate with three in three, while Saint hurler Sherry Bucks was good for two in three.

Delawareans 4—Jaguar Cubs 0

The Junior League Jaguars suffered the only shutout game of the week when the Delawareans registered the upset of the week.

Bennie Barretto's tribe played tight ball in holding down the score while Matos homered with one aboard for the first two runs, and Omand singled with two on for the other pair of tallies.

Jaguar gardener George Noronha hit safely in all three times at bat but was left stranded. In the Ladies Junior League, the Squaws had no difficulty in taking a 12-5 verdict from McTyreans.

In the absence of Rita Mar, the hurling task was taken over by Virgie Gonzales who struck-out eight and walked six in a creditable performance.

Catherine Remedios was the only one to collect over one hit, while Lillian Shu clouted a round-tripper for McTyreans.

Week-end results at a glance

Men's Senior League		
Americans	9 Pandas	1
Braves	7 St. Torosa	10
Madcaps	4 Jaguars	5
Canadians	8 St. Joseph's	4
Chung Hwa	27 Baseballers	4
Daredevils	4 Cumbancheros	5
U.S. Navy	6 Paks	3
Men's Junior League		
Blackhaws	9 Roxes	13
Spartans	10 Griffins	6
Pandas	5 Overseas	6
Braves	5 Aces	15
Delawareans	4 Jaguars	0
Ladies Junior League		
McTyreans	5 Squaws	12

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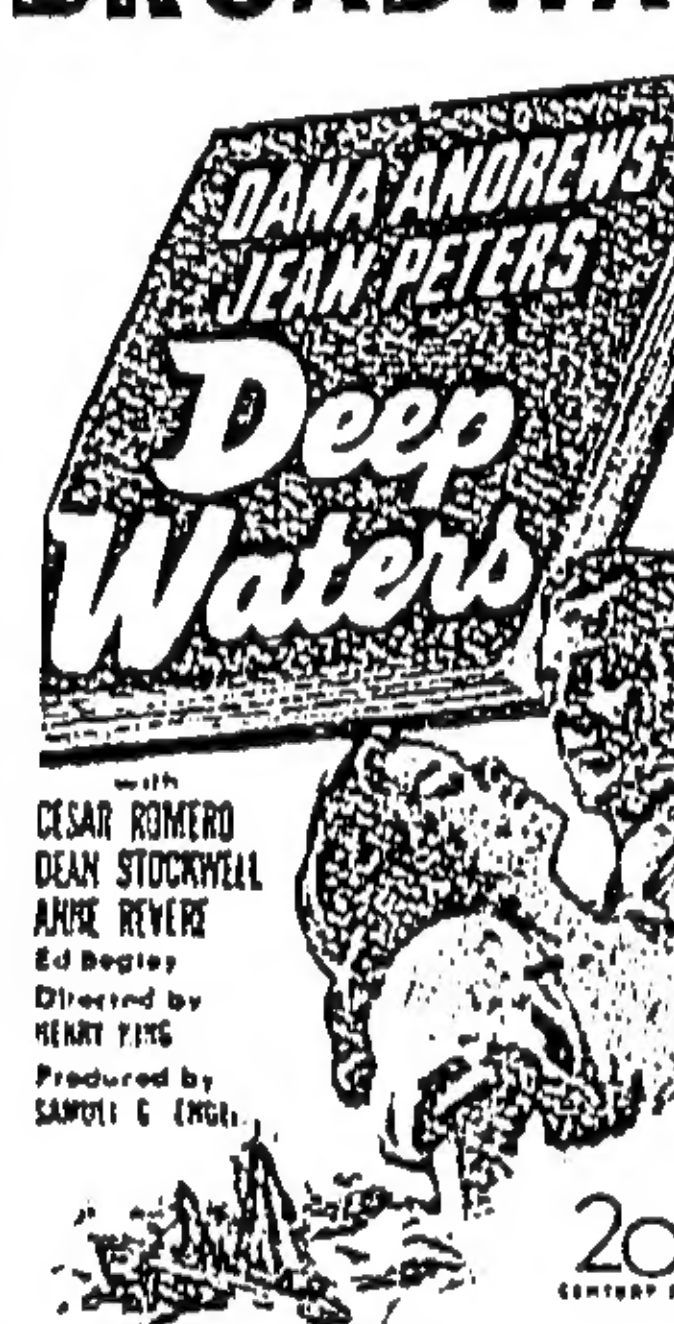
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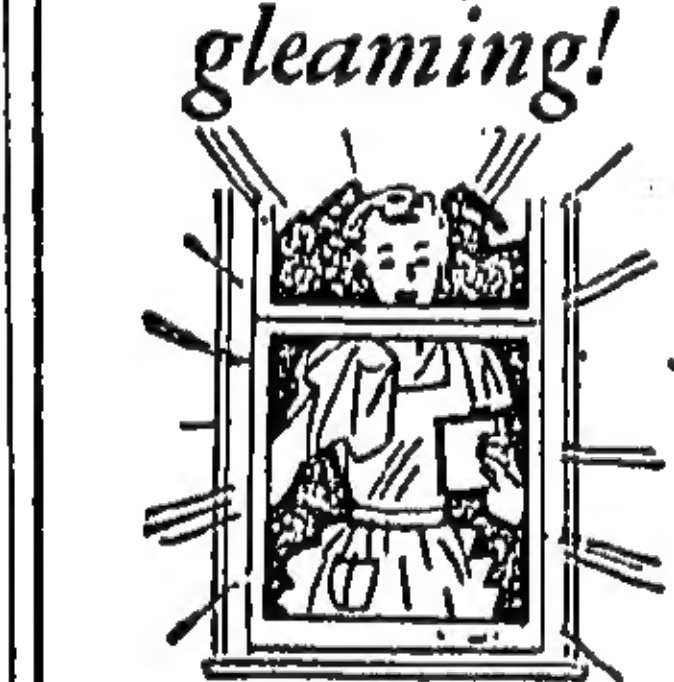
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SURPRISE DISCOVERY
JUST AS Columbus discovered something entirely different from what he expected, so does many a thoughtless bridge player receive an occasional stunning surprise in the results that come from his actions. That is sometimes the case when a player makes an unwise or take-out double just because he thinks his hand is strong enough in high cards to justify it, though the distribution does not. Undoubtedly the worst possible distribution for such a double is a great two-suiter. With such a holding, it is nearly always better to bid one suit first, except when the opponents have bid the other two suits.

East-West hear plenty from him for that doubt. Besides, the risk of such a business pass, the doubler with a great two-suiter chances his side being shut out, if the partner of the opening bidder happens to have a fine fit for the suit opened. In this case, if East's hand had been held by North, he could have hoped so high that a doubler's partner could not respond. However, if a two-suit holder shows one suit first, he can afford to show the other generally on his next turn to force a choice.

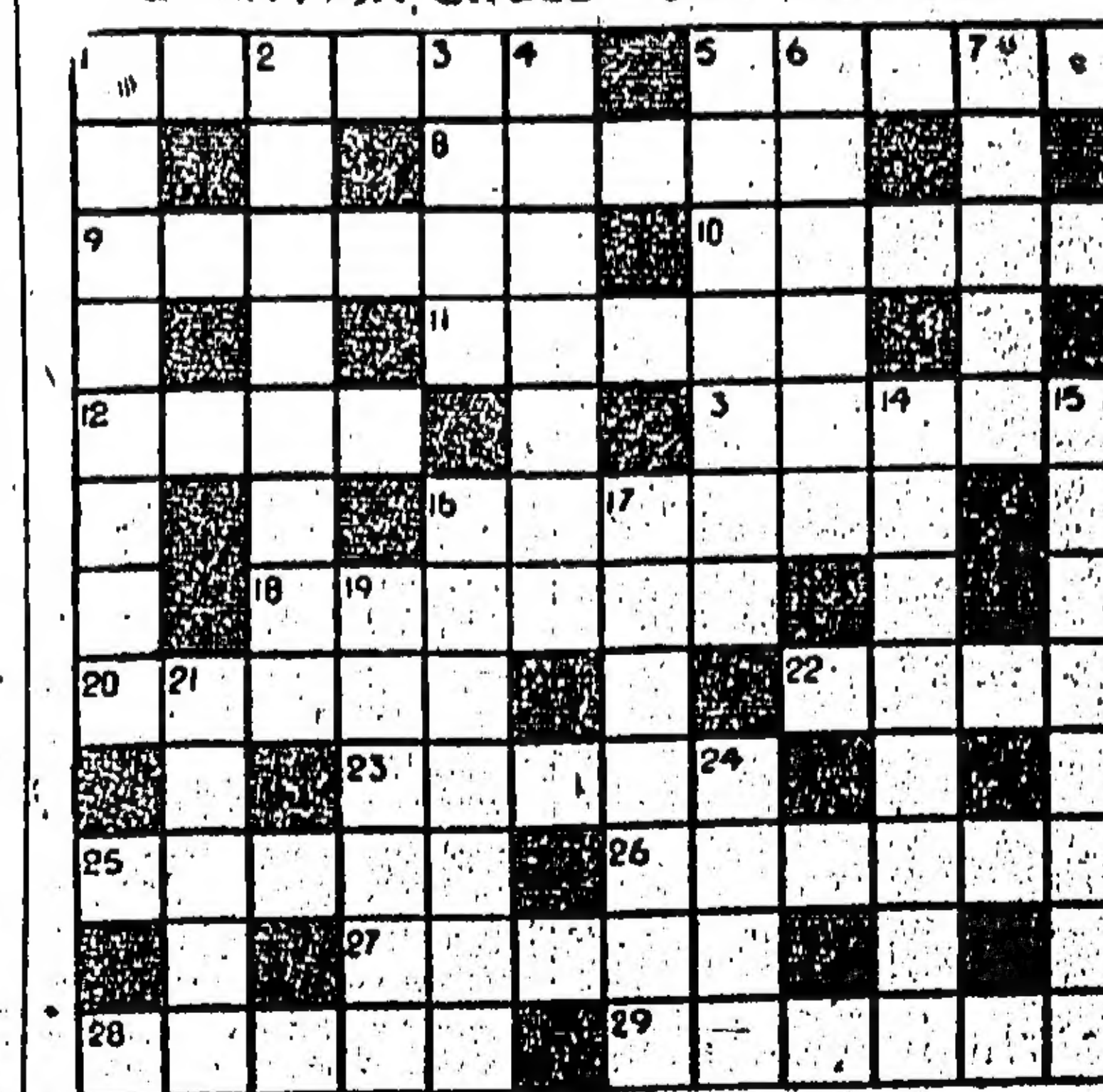
Tomorrow's Problem
S 10 HAKQJ9854
D 3 C 8 3 2
S A K 7 S Q J 8 4
6 5 H 7 6 H 2
H Q J 10 D K 5 D 4 3 2
D None C K J 2
C 3 C Q J 2

(Dealer vulnerable)
South. North. East. West.
1. 1 D 2 S Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S
2. 1 D Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass
Logical bidding was done at Table 1 of the duplicate where the shuffle produced this deal. Even if North had insisted a 3-Club bid, the auction would have gone about as it did the rest of the way except that North and South might have sacrificed at 5-

(Dealer vulnerable)
South. North-South.
Why might a 4-Heart bid by North if dealer be wise, and the same bid as an overcall of 1-South might have sacrificed at 5-

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A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Push. 22 Shyne. 23 French to conduct. 24 Can be hired. 25 Moved by degrees. 26 Tomboy. 27 Slumber. 28 One kind of lunacy. 29 Lethal. 30 Pup-q.
3 Sharp. 4 Fragrance. 5 Household. 6 Tapestry. 7 Dismal. 8 Highway. 9 Composition. 10 Decline. 11 He follows the guns. 12 Fup-q.

Down
1 The day after this. 2 Can be hired. 3 Heroic story. 4 Three times over. 5 He plays for pleasure. 6 Fondling touch. 7 Coronet. 8 Supported a proposal. 9 Volunteer cavalry. 10 At speed. 11 Brought about. 12 Most aged. 13 Fence of bushes. 14 Pleasant expectation.

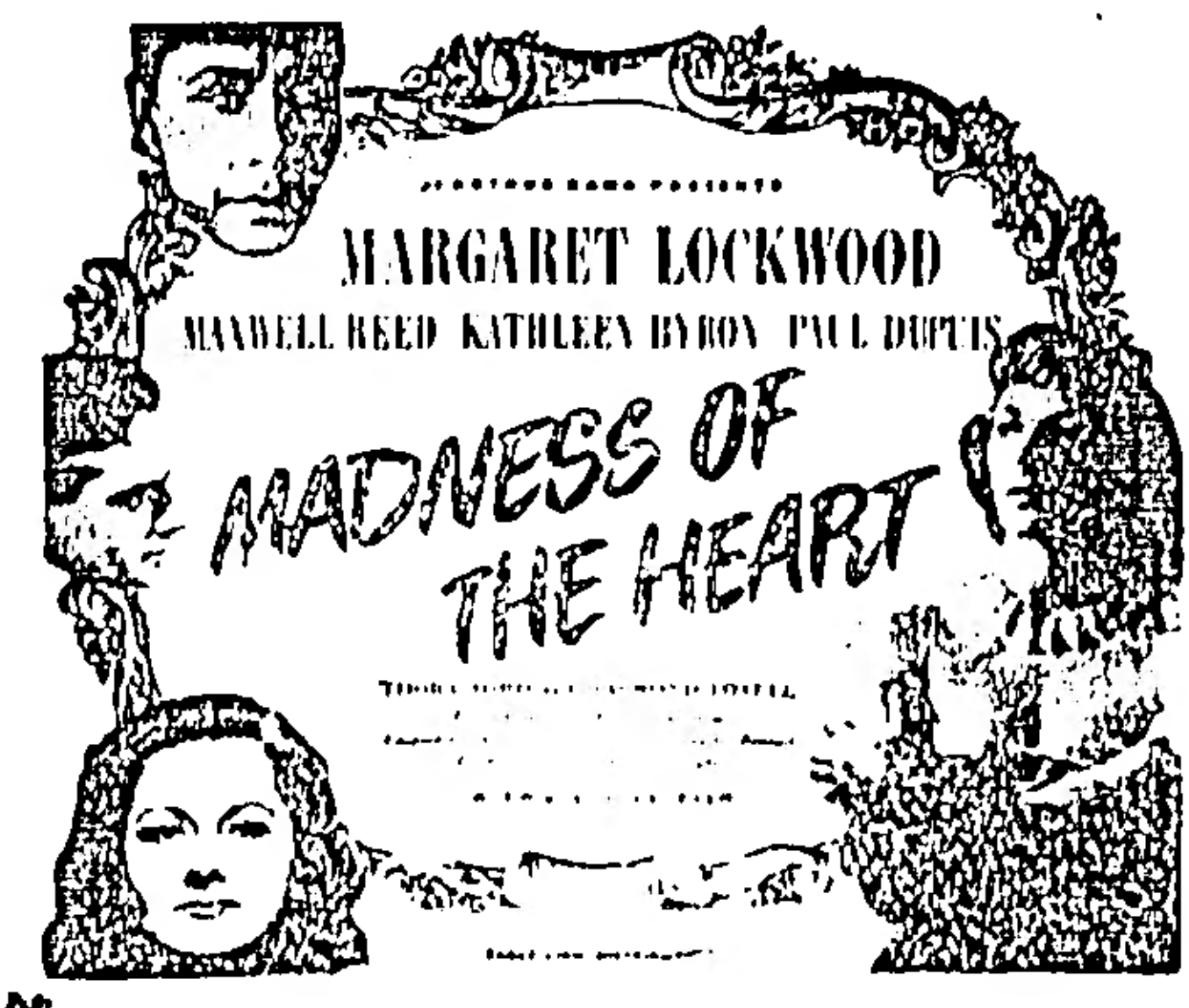
Saturday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Herb. 7 Forny. 8 Urge. 9 Pail. 10 Helical. 12 Blow. 13 Taste. 14 Dabs. 15 Valet. 16 Whole. 17 Gilt. 18 Reach. 19 Goes. 20 Rotates. 21 Purl. 22 Boys. 23 Relax. 24 Rare.
DOWN—1 Cover. 2 Capital. 4 Exult. 5 Bulb. 6 Ode. 9 Pass. 11 Caber. 13 Lit. 14 Wit. 16 Evict. 17 Swag. 18 Dope. 20 Ashamed. 22 Gail. 24 Error. 25 Medal. 27 Oxon. 28 Spar.

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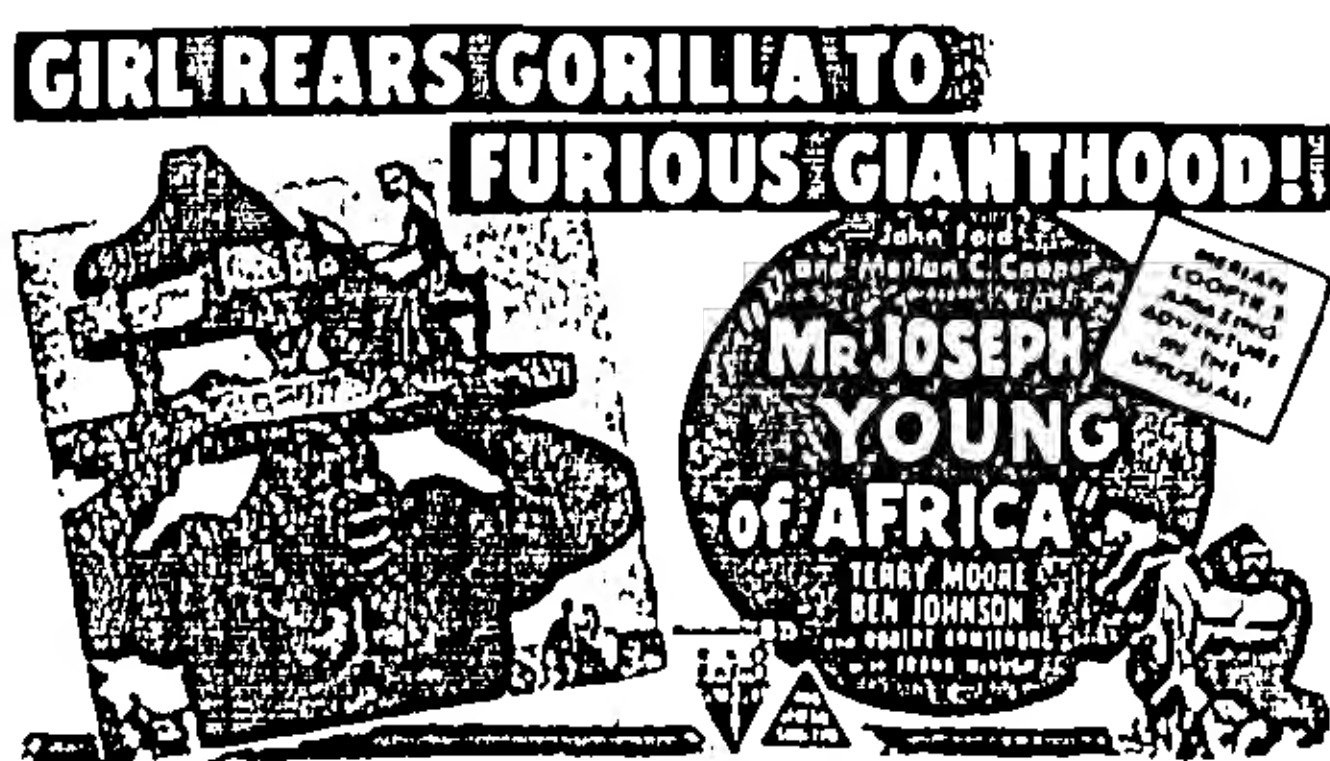
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AMERICANS ORDER EVACUATION OF BERLIN BUILDING

Berlin, January 21.

The American authorities in Berlin tonight ordered Western sector police to evacuate the Railway Administration building in the United States sector which they occupied on Tuesday night.

Since Tuesday, when the Western police occupied the building with the agreement of the American Military Government, only a skeleton service of trains has been run on the Berlin elevated railway.

The Soviet-controlled Railway Administration claimed that they could not run a proper service as long as the building and its railway telephone exchange were in Western hands.

General Maxwell Taylor, American Commandant of Berlin, announcing the withdrawal order,

RUSSIAN CHARGES REJECTED

Helsinki, January 21.

The Finnish Government tonight rejected Soviet charges that it has been harbouring war criminals wanted by Russia.

Replying to Moscow's note of January 1, the Finns said they are holding for questioning four of the 55 persons specifically listed by the Soviet government but the Finns did not promise to deliver them to Russia.

The Finnish reply said investigation is being made whether these ought to be extradited to Russia under provisions of the 1947 peace treaty. The answer declared Finland is staying loyal to fulfill provisions of that treaty, but also is bound to observe international law guaranteeing the rights of individuals, presumably a reference to the right of asylum of political refugees.

Of the four persons detained, three have become Finnish citizens since the war and one is a stateless person who has lived in Finland since 1933.

Giving an exhaustive account of its investigations since the Soviet demand was made, the Government said Andrei Gromyko actually listed only 35 persons since two names on his list of 50 referred to the same person.

Thirty-nine were duplications on earlier Soviet lists and have been accounted for, the note said. Twenty-four already have been sentenced to Russian imprisonment since the war.

Among the 55, the note continued, only 16 are new cases. The Government said it had not been able to proceed against them because they were the first to be known about them.

Of the 16, it said, four are being held for questioning, one is dead, five have left the country, three never were known to have been in Finland, and three have left no trace of their whereabouts. Associated Press.

WORTHINGTON'S FREAK WILL

Leitchfield, January 21.

A wealthy brewer has left a trust fund to pay for 101 peals each night forever by the bells of the Church he attended.

The bequest was disclosed today in the will of William W. Worthington, who died at the age of 77 last November 25.

The trust fund is £150. The best ringer of Netherlands parlours is to get the earned income. Any time he fails to ring the bells, however, he is to be fined 2s 6d.

Dr W. J. Beale, Rector of the Church, said the trust would permit the payment of about threepence to the bell ringer each time he tolled off 101 peals.

"The punishment," Dr. Beale remarked, "does not exactly fit the crime."

Mr. Worthington's estate totalled £1,498,000. The bulk of it was bequeathed to relatives. Associated Press.

NEW YUGOSLAV ELECTORAL LAW

Belgrade, January 21.

The Yugoslav National Assembly today passed a new electoral law which would permit the election of Opposition candidates not sponsored by the Communist-dominated People's Front.

The old system of fixed lists of candidates is abolished. Instead, there will now be individual candidates, who must, however, have the support of at least 100 voters in half the communities of the constituency.

The new measure provides for a secret, direct and general ballot as hitherto. —Reuter.

Changed attitude on Spain

Washington, January 21.

The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Democrat Senator, Mr. Tom Connally, today urged the United Nations to rescind its 1946 ban and allow member nations to restore full diplomatic representation in Spain.

He told a Press conference he thought that enough votes could be obtained during the next session of the General Assembly to support the announced move of the State Department to vote for a repeal of the ban.

Mr. Connally, commenting on the Department's move, declared: "I am pleased with Mr. Acheson's attitude. The Franco Government does not have my approval but neither do the Governments of Russia and her satellites."

He continued, "We have full diplomatic relations with the United States. I see no valid reason why we should not have similar relations with Spain."

"The action of the United Nations Assembly in passing the resolution urging the withdrawal of ambassadors from Spain was intended to weaken the Franco Government within Spain."

"However, it had the opposite effect of strengthening the hold of Franco on the Spanish people."

"We appoint ambassadors to foreign countries not to please their people or their governments. We send ambassadors abroad to serve the interests of the United States and its people."

"It is my hope that with our influence in the United Nations the General Assembly's resolution of 1946 may be repealed."

"Many of the countries participating in the former action have reversed their views and are now convinced that the resolution should be repealed." —Reuter.

FLOODS IN U.S.

Chicago, January 21.

Flood waters of the St. Francis River surged over houses in a section of Arkansas today increasing to 10,000 the number of persons homeless in Arkansas and neighbouring Tennessee. The rescue of stranded families along the St. Francis in North Arkansas is virtually completed. No deaths in flooded homes were reported but a farmer drowned when a boat overturned near Manila, Arkansas.

A flood threat rose in the Pacific North West States. Rains and higher temperatures melted the huge snow packs of the worst blizzard there in 50 years.

A rash of fire, many of them in homes combating the bitter cold, broke out across the nation and the death toll for two days was at least 45. —United Press.

"We took this decision because we are bending over backwards to avoid interfering with the operation of the railways."

Sketching the history of the dispute, in a Press conference, General Taylor said, "On January 17, the American Property Control branch assumed custody of the Railway Administration building, consisting of about 800 rooms, of which only some 40 were being used by the Reichsbahn."

"Our action was part of a programme to obtain a maximum use of office and housing space in the American sector of this badly destroyed city. Far from sympathizing with this purpose, the Soviet authorities have seized upon the affair as an excuse to harass the residents of West Berlin, to threaten fresh reprisals against the Reichsbahn workers, and generally to disturb the peace of the city."

During the dispute there has been no sign of an interruption in the flow of supplies by road and rail into Berlin, but West-bound road traffic has been slowed down slightly by more intensive checks than usual at Marienborn, on the Soviet zone side of the inter-zonal frontier.

Not worth it

A number of lorries bound for Western Germany were sent back to Berlin by East zone police during this week on the grounds that they were loaded with prohibited materials, or that their documents were not in order.

Asked today whether the American order to withdraw from the Railway Administration building had, in fact, been given to avoid the danger of a new blockade, General Taylor replied, "The 800 office rooms were simply not worth the position which the Soviet are now creating."

Replying to another question, he said that he had not known in advance that the West Berlin police planned to occupy the building last Tuesday.

"The putting to use of the building was part of a general plan which I had approved, but I was not aware of the actual giving of the step," General Taylor said. "A reasonable number of Soviet-controlled railway police would be allowed back into the building, General Taylor said."

Normal supplies

Supplies are flowing into Berlin by road and rail in a completely normal way today, Western Allied and German officials confirmed.

They denied suggestions in some West Berlin papers that the Russians have begun to impose a new blockade.

Outgoing traffic on the autobahn is being held up slightly by more than usually rigorous inspection by East German police at Marienborn on the Soviet zone side of the Helmsdorf frontier crossing, West Police reported.

Soviet lorries loaded with furniture, the export of which from Berlin has always been forbidden by the Russians, were turned back there yesterday. —Reuter.

BANDIT CHIEF'S MOTHER FREED

Palermo, January 21.

Fifty-two-year-old Maria Giuliano, mother of the Sicilian bandit chief, was today set free after a one-day trial in which she was found guilty of helping outlaws.

She was sentenced to three years imprisonment but an Italian Catholic Holy Year amnesty and several months already spent in prison accounted for all this period.

Interest here centres on whether her bandit son will make good a recent promise that he would vanish as soon as his mother was free. —Reuter.

Severe quake rocks Chile

Santiago, Chile, January 21.

A severe earthquake shook the entire area of Central Chile from Valparaiso to Temuco at 10.20 a.m. on Saturday. No casualties have been reported thus far, but the city populations were thrown into panic.

In Valparaiso, Chile's chief sea port and one of the two cities most severely shaken, people rushed towards every open space available.

San Fernando, 80 miles South of Santiago, also was severely rocked. — United Press.

Scot arrested in France

Marseilles, January 21.

Lindsay George Watson, 50-year-old French-born son of a Scotsman, faced in police headquarters here five French gangsters, who alleged that he played a big part in robbing the Begum Khan of £200,000 worth of jewels in a car hold-up at Cannes last August.

The police arrested Watson near the German frontier yesterday after the five arrested gangsters had declared that he was the real "brain" behind the gang. The five men accused another of the gang—Paul Leca, still at liberty—of swindling them in the share-out of the proceeds and of having got away with most of the jewels, which are still missing.

Watson served in the French army in Indo-China and had the rank of Lieutenant-colonel. As well as Paul Leca, the police are searching for Charles Cincioni, Marseilles pub-owner, and "Big Roger" Senned, reputed leader of the gang, and his mistress, Renee Remy.

Senned, the police believe, took flight when the hunt began or was tempted by the £20,000 reward offered for the discovery of the jewels, quarrelled with the gang, and was "executed."

The five arrested men were still being questioned today by the examining magistrate, M. Sacotte. They said their share of the booty amounted to 400 francs and that Paul Leca, one of the men for whom the police are searching, took the jewels from their original hiding place.

The police think that the killing of "Big Roger", the burly six-foot gang-leader, was decided on by the others after a dispute in the gang. —Reuter.

LEGALLY ALIVE BEFORE BIRTH

Edinburgh, January 21.

A Scottish Court ruled today that Virginia Pegg and Anthony Mair were "legally alive" before they were born.

Accordingly they will share in the estate of their great grandfather, Charles Cox, who left £103,000 when he died in April, 1948.

The question arose because his will bequeathed the money to descendants "who are alive at the time of my death."

Virginia was born two days after Mr. Cox died. Anthony was born seven months later. They are cousins.

Lord Carmont, who read the Court's opinion, said they were entitled to inherit since Cox did not specifically exclude descendants who were living but not yet born. —Associated Press.

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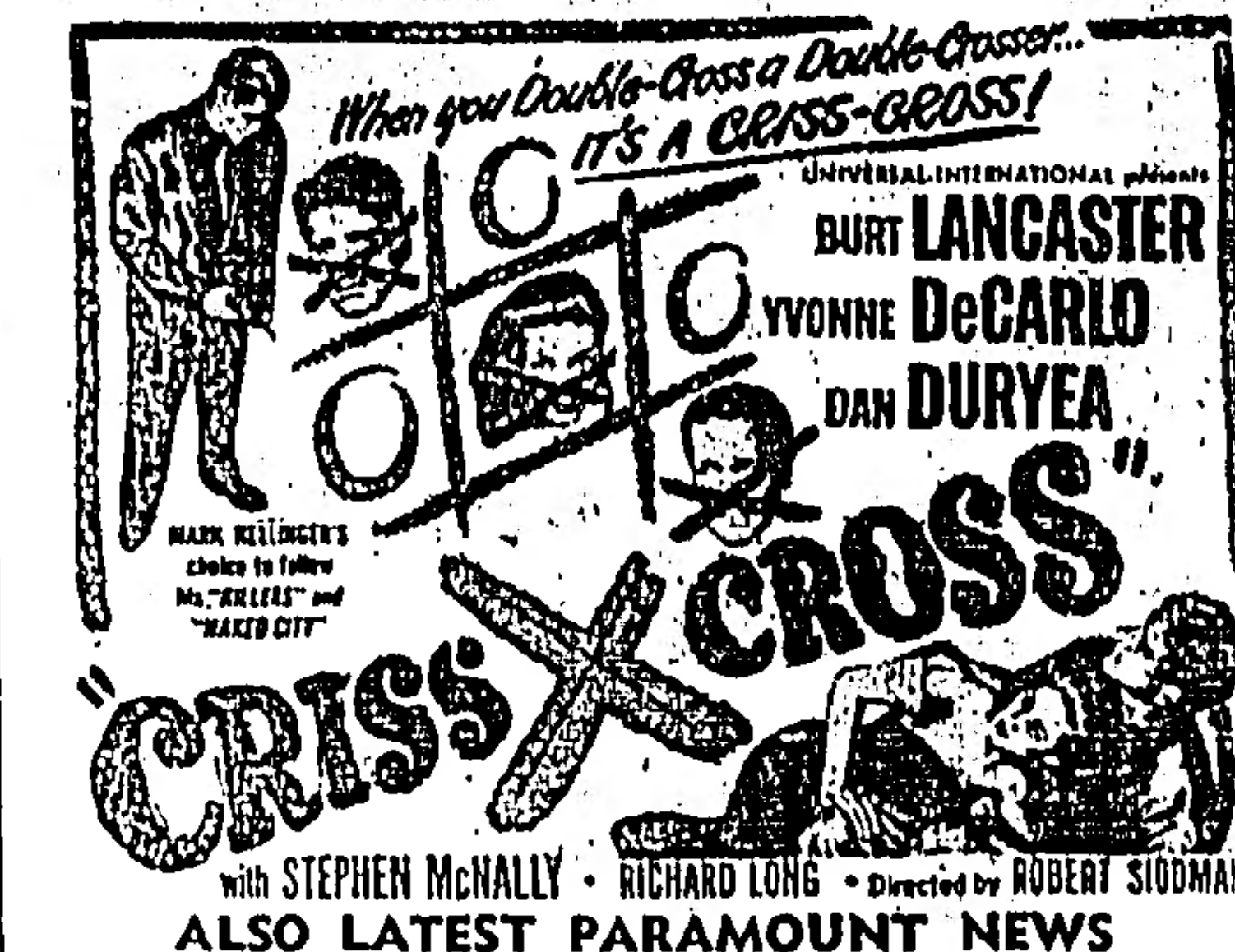
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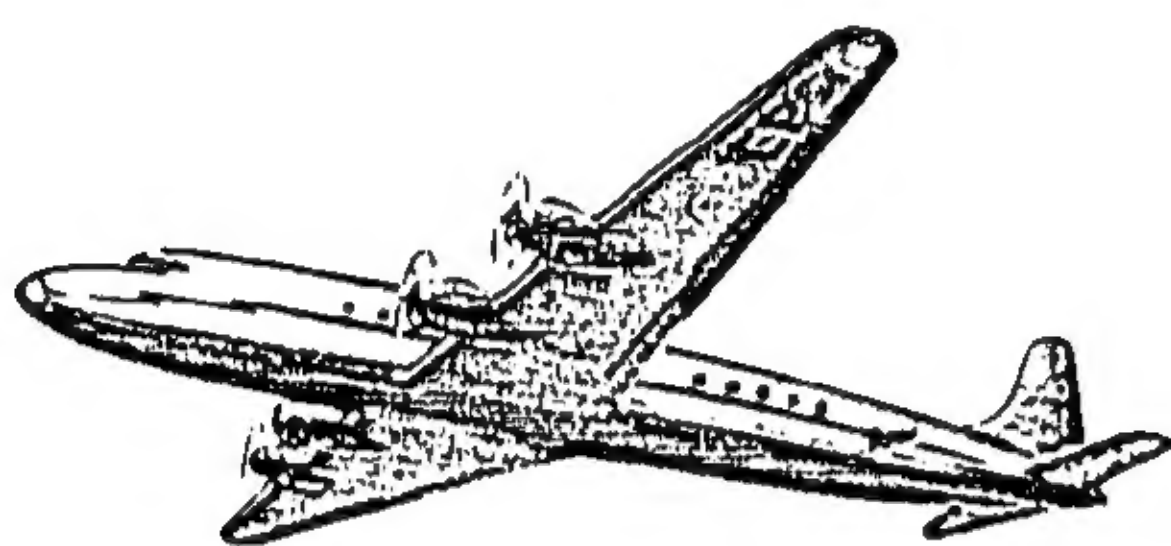


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Hospitals.

CAN BRITAIN EARN THE DOLLARS?

Prophecy is always a dan-
gerous art, and when the
prophet has to start from a
number of basic assumptions
which may or may not be
fulfilled, he stands in even
greater peril. This must in-
evitably be the broad judg-
ment on the White Paper on
the prospects of Britain at-
taining a dollar balance by
1952, when Marshall Aid
comes to an end. It is true
that the figures in the White
Paper are not put forward
as a forecast, but rather as
"designed to show the likely
course of development of the
United Kingdom economy on
the assumptions which have
been laid down." This distinc-
tion is fine enough to remind
one of the little girl who pro-
tested that she did not kick
her brother in the face, but
only put her foot against his
cheek and pushed.

The first assumption is that
the United Kingdom's Mar-
shall Aid allocations will be
\$920 million for 1949-50, \$720
million for 1950-51, and \$480
million for 1951-52 (each
year ends on June 30). This
of course depends upon Con-
gress. The second assumption
is that American national in-
come, production and prices
remain for the whole of these
three years at the levels at
which they stood in the mid-
dle of 1949. Every student of
American economic history
knows how bold this assump-
tion is.

Still, let both assumptions
pass for the moment. The
British White Paper contains
further implicit assumptions,
in its turn. One is that
existing Government policy
will be continued. Many
people would prefer to take
February 23, 1950, instead of
June 30, 1952, as the limit of
their forecast. Another is
that there is no gen-
eral inflation in the non-
dollar world and that the
volume of production and
trade continues to expand.
The White Paper rightly ad-
mits that Britain's own for-
tunes depend upon this last
assumption to a peculiar de-
gree.

The White Paper gives
"illustrative dollar accounts"
for the sterling area up to
June 30, 1952. It is hoped that
the United Kingdom current
trade deficit will be reduced
from \$1,007 million in 1948-
49 to \$360 million in 1951-52.
It is further hoped that the
dollar balance for the rest of
the sterling area will be
transformed from a deficit of
\$109 million in 1948-49 to a
surplus of \$180 million in
1951-52. The result is that
\$490 million of Marshall Aid
in 1951-52 would leave a
margin, were it not for one
omnibus fact. That is in that
year Britain has to make
the first payments on the
American and Canadian
Loans.

Little is said about 1952-53,
the first year in which Britain
will have to do without
Marshall Aid. It is clear that
even on the basis of these

Report on Germany--No. 1:

THE LITTLE FUEHRERS JOCKEY FOR POWER AGAIN

By Alexander Clifford

The former Luftwaffe pilot
waved his beer mug through
the thick, smoky air of the
restaurant, pointing to the
vistas of crowded, food-laden
tables. "Just like before the
war, isn't it?" he said.

Then his face darkened to a
scowl, and he added: "Except
that the uniforms are foreign."
He pointed to a couple of Bri-
tish soldiers, and made me a
speech which I have heard a
dozen times in different forms up
and down Germany.

"Supposing," he said, "that
Britain, through a series of blun-
ders by her statesmen (and even
British soldiers, and make blun-
ders), got herself into a war and
lost it. Supposing she was then
occupied by foreign troops deter-
mined to see that she never
fought again.

"Do you think you would go
along in meekness and humili-
tation, perpetually confessing
your guilt? Do you think you
would try to change your nation-
al character?"

"Of course you wouldn't. No
large, proud, vigorous nation
could. You would be peculiarly
conscious of your national char-
acter. You would emphasize it.
You would seek for ways of pro-
ving your qualities and your pro-
pensity to yourself.

"And you mustn't be surprised
if that is what is happening in
Germany. In fact, you would
be half-witted if you expected
anything different.

"It is impossible, today, not to
be aware of this psychological
fermentation that is going on in
Germany. A whole host of
vague emotions like self-respect,
patriotic pride, spiritual indepen-

assumptions and calculations.
Britain will be hard put to
it to achieve a balance. It is
also made clear that between
1948-49 and 1951-52, Britain
must reduce dollar imports
from \$1,544.6 to \$1,039.6 mil-
lion.

The White Paper envisages
an increase in United King-
dom dollar exports from £176
million in 1948-49 to £303
million in 1951-52. Exports to
non-dollar countries will, it
is hoped, increase from
£1,603 million to £1,772 mil-
lion. The likely incidence of
German and Japanese com-
petition is recognised, and due
regard is also had to the dif-
ficulty of predicting the fu-
ture trend of export prices.
We saw last year the adverse
effect on dollar exports of
even a slight and temporary
American recession. In other
respects Britain is also at the
mercy of the Americans them-
selves. Obstructive customs
regulations can be just as
great a barrier as a high
tariff.

The general impression left
by the White Paper is that if
everything goes right, and if
everyone in Britain is pre-
pared both to live and work
as the present Government
desires, Britain may achieve
a dollar balance by the time
Marshall Aid ends. But Bri-
tains are entitled to ask both
American and British Gov-
ernments whether this is
good enough.

From the British point of
view, the White Paper has
one glaring defect. It fails to
treat the British people as
human beings, who work
best for their fellows if they
are also allowed to work for
themselves. It is a pity that
the authors of this document
could not have delayed their
work until they had been
able to read the recent an-
nual statement of Mr. Bibby,
the chairman of Martins
Bank. Mr. Bibby shows
clearly how excessive tax-
ation is eating into the liquid
reserves of businesses all
over the country. He reminds
us that rewards for risks
should be adequate, and that
successful risk, enterprise
and initiative were the founda-
tions of our great foreign
trade of the past. Finally he
shows how an out-of-date
fear of unemployment is de-
terrering workpeople from giv-
ing of their best, and neu-
tralising the efforts of em-
ployers to produce more
cheaply and more efficiently
by forcing them to employ
the same number of people
as before, even after they
have installed new machinery
especially designed to save
labour.

The lesson which the na-
tion has to re-learn is simple.
Give the British people their
head and they will pull
through.

dence, confidence, resentment,
are bubbling to the surface of
the German soul again. You can
lump them conveniently under
the generic heading of national-
ism.

No amount of rubbing-in of
war guilt, or teaching of democ-
racy, has been able to stunt this
bright new growth.

The nationalism is palpably
there, and the first man who
tried to harness it was Kurt
Schumacher, the violent, rabble-
rousing leader of the Social De-
mocrats.

He built his election campaign
last summer on a basis of aggres-
sive nationalism, but he did not
win the elections partly because
his rivals entered into competi-
tion with him and adopted na-
tionalism themselves, partly be-
cause the time was clearly not
yet ripe.

So, then, the mood has devel-
oped. The restraints on Ger-
many's sovereignty have been
steadily whittled away. Her
self-respect has steadily grown
And now the Western world is
loud with talk of making the
Germans soldiers again.

Leagues and plots
So it is not surprising that the
country is thriving with ten-
tative parties, movements, leagues,
and plots.

There are small potential
fuehrers everywhere. Dozens of
factions are jockeying for posi-
tion, trying to canalise the rising
tide of nationalism in their own
direction.

These parties are sprinkled all
over Germany, and they are of a
bewildering complication.

They amalgamate, split into
fragments, change their names,
change their leaders, and re-
interpret their programmes until
the ordinary observer becomes
dizzy.

The words "German," "uni-
ted," "democratic," and "free"
have now been used in every
conceivable combination.

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and dozens of prospective lead-
ers—Loritz, Fuler, Kuegler, von

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Ostau, Drol—there is no end to
the list of contenders.

At least two rival organisa-
tions claim to support the "Black
Front" leader Otto Strasser, who
is in Canada. Some work on
the basis of fiercely irredentist
literature from Argentina.

Only one aim
All have extremist bees in
their bonnets, though all claim
to be enthusiastically democratic.
All have long, flamboyant, and
basically similar programmes.

All are ultimately aiming at
national leadership, and the
string they all harp on is na-
tionalism.

None of them is yet organised
on a national scale. They are little,
local mushroom growths, each
hoping to be the nucleus of an
all-German movement, and if
they seem puny and laughable
now, they can always comfort
themselves with the thought that
Hitler once seemed puny and
laughable.

The nearest open thing to a
nationally organised movement
is Dr. Haussleiter's "German
Union," which is in the process
of changing its name to German-
Community. It pretends to be
"above politics," as de Gaulle's
movement used to do.

And underground are the old
Nazis. Their stronghold is
Bavaria and the neighbouring
regions of Austria. They work
a Munich-Salzburg axis.
And they have got a pretty
tight potential grip on public
life in those parts. More than
20,000 Bavarian public officials
are ex-Nazis.

In such Ministries they form
as much as 75 per cent of the
personnel. Nearly half the local
newspaper world is in their
hands.

This does not mean that all
these people are now actively
working for the Nazi cause. It
does not even mean that they
are not all behaving like
good democrats now that they
are. But it does mean that they
were once people who were

easily convinced into Nazism
and that they could just as easily
be convinced again.

There is probably great dan-
ger in concentrating too much
on the idea that renaissance Ger-
man nationalism will take the
form of Nazism. For Nazism in
the end was a failure, and its
successor—if it has a successor—
will have to be something dif-
ferent—something up to date and
new, without a murky past.

But whatever it is the ex-Nazis
are likely to join it. And rumour
says that they have great hoards
of gold and jewels and hard cur-
rency tucked away down in the
Alps. If they can finance a win-
ning movement their power will
be great.

There are many other people
ready to find the German
waters as soon as they become
really troubled.

There are, for instance, the
former Wehrmacht officers, sim-
ple and often very honourable
people, who love an army career
deeply and long to be able to re-
sume it.

And—far more sinister—there
are the managers of the enor-
mous Ruhr factories. Their pow-
er is still immense. At the mo-
ment they support the German
Government—Dr. Adenauer's
Christian Democrats.

Cash or power?

But what is it they really
want? Is it money? Is it power?
If it is power, then they may be
the greatest peril of all. For
power involves a resurgence
strong, and ambitious Germany.
And they will support the trends
most likely to obtain it.

None of it is yet very precise.
Nothing has really crystallised.
The German people still respond
to every quiz, probe, and Gallup
poll on the subject with an un-
faltering and high-minded pacif-
ism.

But this froth of parties and
embryo leaders on the surface of
life corresponds with something
that is stirring strongly down
below. You may argue that it
does not matter what stirs as
long as they don't get arms. But
that is what was argued last
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By Hugo Charteris

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sioned rank. The pay is less than
1d. more a day and the re-
sponsibility is not commensurate
with the only privileges—sleeping
in a separate tent and an extra
packet of cigarettes per week.

Ncos in recruit camps—up to
the rank of sergeant—have, there-
fore, usually to be "detached."

Main difficulty with training
staff is that nearly all the best
troops are in Indo-China (130,000
men), North Africa, or Germany.
The pay of the private soldier
is a sore point and an important
one for Western Defence. With
large Left-Wing opposition to his
very existence and no trade union
support, he has not the best
chance of getting a fair increase.

Even in Indo-China after a
year's service pay is only about
£10 a month. In France it is £5
to £6 a month.

France's need
The French Assembly was asked
to approve 2420,000,000 for
defence last week. But there
is a lot to pay for.

A quantity of homogeneous
small-arms equipment will per-
haps be the least important
item. Whatever big supporting
bombs came from America, little
bombs would always count, espe-
cially in a country where the poten-
tial Fifth Column is officially
1,000,000 strong.

France is in urgent need to the
tools if there is any possibility of
a job being started, let alone
finished. She deserves them now.

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Bit off more than he could chew?
This gradual hauling-off of the
Chinese cabinet to Moscow makes
one wonder if indoctrination is
not taking even longer than
originally expected.

"Drunkness is gradually
passing out."
How delightfully put...

A news report says that a key
hang outside the door in Sweden
means that the family is not at
home.
Here of course it could only
mean that the family is not all
there.

Forward the Night Brigade.
We have heard of "midnight
spectres vague."
Who once "haunted the
walls of Prague."

In Hong Kong history turns
the page.
At midnight too, on a vanished
age.
When forth from the city's
shadows slink
Creatures carrying chains that
click.

They pass in their phantom
twos and threes—
But it isn't sulphur that scents
the breeze.

Puzzled correspondent writes
asking if something is not
seriously wrong with BOAC.
For two weeks the alarm has
been on time.

"I hear your aunt's very rich.
Does she enjoy good health?"
"Yes—glouts over it."

More howlers—just a few.
The chief cause of divorce is
marriage.
The Mediterranean and the Red
Sea are connected by the sewage
canal.

The difference between a king
and a president is that a king is
the son of his father, but a
president isn't.

The government of Britain is a
limited mockery.
The Royal Mint is what the
King grows in his palace gardens.
A virgin forest is a forest in
which the hand of man has never
set foot.

Dioko I know in London thinks
his wife ought to be in Parliament.
She's always bringing private
bills into the house.

Visitors to United Nations
meetings note that the Yugoslav
delegates have now become
friendly. They answer pleasantly
when spoken to, and shake hands
instead of fists.

Teacher asked all the children
to write down the name of their

CHURCHILL CALL FOR EJECTION OF LABOUR

Choice of regimentation or freedom before Britain WARNING OF THE FUTURE

London, January 21.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's Prime Minister during War II, declared in a broadcast to Britain tonight that on the results of the forthcoming General Election depend Britain's future as a leading nation and her ability to live decently without foreign charity.

Speaking to an estimated audience of 20,000,000 radio listeners from the study of his country home in Kent, he launched the first thunderbolts in the Conservative's campaign.

"The choice before us is whether to take another plunge into Socialist regimentation or by a strong effort regain the freedom, initiative and opportunity of British life," he said.

"I believe that on this decision depends not only our future as a leading nation in the world, but also our physical ability to maintain our vast population upon decent standards without foreign charity."

Emphasizing that no one in Britain need feel a vote as the ballot is secret and free, Mr. Churchill said, "Socialism is based on the idea of an all-powerful State which owns everything, which plans everything, which decides the life of the individual through its politicians and officials."

"We have not of course, got this in any form, but it is the aim of the present time. The process of establishing the Socialist State has only begun."

"The practical question we have to settle now is whether we shall take another deep plunge into a State ownership and State control or whether we shall take a greater measure of freedom of choice and action for our people, and of productivity, liberty and peace to our country."

He said he expected this to be the last of his broadcasts on the subject, but he would continue to speak on the subject through Europe in all countries outside the Iron Curtain.

Weakest defence

"Socialism has been found in all European countries, bound or free, to have the weakest defence against Communism."

BANKER'S STRANGE STORY

Amsterdam, January 21. Siegfried Wreszinski, 65-year-old Polish-born Stateless banker on trial here accused of a wartime fraud, told Dutch police that he was sent to Europe by the British Secret Service to murder Hitler and had a fund of £5,000,000 behind him.

According to the prosecution he said that he was a "bosom friend" of Churchill who introduced him to King George after which he was invited to a Royal ball.

Wreszinski is charged with accepting and appropriating over 250,000 guilders on the pretext of securing the release of Underground Dutch workers from German prisons.

He was stated to have claimed that a German police official in the prison service was an old school friend of his.

Wreszinski said that the Germans demanded 50,000 guilders for each released prisoner but the police say that the money was taken to a mysterious woman.

The trial is expected to last a considerable time. The next hearing will be on January 27.—Reuter.

TONKIN RAID

Singapore, January 21. A Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) account of their recent raid on the Bach Mai military airfield, near Hanoi, broadcast by their "Tonkin radio" tonight, claimed that 25 out of 30 French aircraft were completely destroyed, and two petrol dumps blown up.

(A communiqué of the French High Command in Indo-China yesterday said that eight planes were damaged.)

The Vietnamese guerrilla radio added that raiding troops, using "new home-made weapons", held the airfield for three hours and did great damage.

(The French communiqué reported that an attempt to mine the landing strip failed.)—Reuter.

News of missing airmen

Washington, January 21. The State Department today received official word that the two United States Naval fliers, who have been missing in Communist China since October, 1948, are alive and well.

The fliers are Marine Sergeant Elmer Bender and Navy Chief Petty Officer William Smith.

The State Department's spokesman, Michael McDermott, said the British Consulate at Tientsin sent the following message obtained from Chinese Communist authorities: "Smith and Bender are well. Receiving ample food and are comfortable. They are living in the Eastern section of Shantung Province."

Mr. McDermott said the Department is continuing its efforts through the British Consulate in Tientsin to obtain their release.—United Press.

CHINESE IN BERLIN INCIDENT

Berlin, January 21.

Fifteen Chinese invaded the Nationalist Government mission in Berlin today with what they said was a demand for money to pay their passage to Taiwan.

The mission rejected the demand and accused the young Chinese of attempting to discredit the agency with Communist tactics.

Colonel George Su Meo-si, the acting chief, called in American police safety officers after he said he was advised that the Chinese group intended to erect a flag over the mission's building in the U.S. sector.

The Public Safety Branch said it was taking the position only of observer in the dispute.

Spokesmen for the protesting Chinese denied the Colonel's version and said they were only asking for Nationalist Government funds so they can go home.

Most of them have been students.

The students contended that the mission once had US\$100,000 to repatriate Chinese nationals from Germany and alleged that the money has been misused.

Colonel Su asserted that all "legitimate" Chinese who had shown willingness to return to their homeland were repatriated two years ago.

"Most of these men here are no longer students," he said. "They have been here as long as 15 years. They have married German girls. Some of them have Chinese wives in China."

He said the mission had exhausted its funds to repatriate those who were willing to go.

His government had specifically instructed him, he said, to withhold any funds from those who did not take advantage of the opportunity to go home when they had the chance.

The group insisted it had no Communist links and denied any attempt to erect a Red flag on the premises.—Associated Press.

GASPERI RUNS INTO SNAGS

Rome, January 21.

The Italian Liberal Party today rejected Premier-designate Alcide De Gasperi's proposals for the formation of a new coalition government to succeed his fifth post-war Cabinet, which resigned 12 days ago.

By 14 votes to four, the party's executive today said it could not accept the programme drawn up by De Gasperi for their projected new Government.

The three other parties of the last coalition Government are still studying their replies to the programme. These parties were the Christian Democrats, the right wing Socialists and the Republicans.

Political observers think it likely that if De Gasperi fails to form a four party coalition, he will give up his mandate as Premier-designate. It is expected that in such a case he will recommend to the President of the Republic, Signor Luigi Einaudi, to entrust the formation of a new Government to Attilio Piccoli, a leading figure of the majority Christian Democratic party.—Reuter.

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RED TROOPS ONLY 35 MILES FROM TIBET

San Francisco, January 21.

The Peking radio said that Chinese Communist troops have arrived 35 miles from the Northern border of Tibet.

They carried out a 900-mile forced march across some of the toughest country of the world in the middle of winter.

The broadcast did not explain the reason for this remarkable feat, which took a little over a month.

It said that a unit of the Chinese Communist Army of unspecified size arrived at Khytan, in Southern Sinkiang province, 35 miles from the Tibetan border, after a march from Tun Huang, in North Western Kansu province.

The troops marched across the wind-swept Gobi Desert and snow-capped mountains.

The Peking radio also reported that Tibetan "democrats and intellectuals" held a meeting in Peking at which they denounced "the Imperialist plot to invade Tibet."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist army, Chu Teh, attended the meeting and reiterated the Peking Government's intention of a "swift liberation" of Tibet.

Chou's note to the UN

Meanwhile the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, has sent a second note to the United Nations division of the Nationalist delegation, Tase, the official Soviet news agency, reported today in a Peking despatch received in London.

The Chinese Communist Press continues to demand the admission of a Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations, according to Peking radio.

The papers also prominently eulogized Lenin on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of his death.

The noted writer and historian, Kuo Mo-jung, writing in the Peking "People's Daily," blamed "American and double-faced British imperialism" for the rejection of the Nationalist delegation while Shanghai and Hankow dailies hailed the Soviets "just stand" which they claimed, "was groundlessly rejected."

The Peking "People's Daily" also published on the front page a large photo of Lenin in a special edition, which included a letter from Stalin and special articles by Thorez, Romuald Roland, and Chinese writers.

Bangkok accused

Another Chinese Communist radio broadcast, said that Chiang Kai-shek had been "thrown into Bangkok Prison and brutally beaten by the Government of Thailand" had sent a letter to the Peking Government pleading for help.

The broadcast quoted the men as saying that they had been in prison for more than six months and that beatings and poisonings took place daily.

The broadcast added that the letter-writers accused the Thailand Government of pursuing an anti-Chinese policy, and described as a "common occurrence" the bludgeoning to death of prisoners.

More than 10 imprisoned Chinese had died because of this "inhuman policy," the letter alleged.—United Press and Reuter.

COLD SNAP IN LONDON

London, January 21.

London is pulling out of a cold wave today.

Yesterday was London's coldest day since last March. The lowest temperature was 34 Fahrenheit, two above freezing.

This morning's temperatures hour by hour were running from one to three degrees higher than yesterday. It was 36 at 7 a.m. GMT.—Associated Press.

BRITISH ECONOMIC POLICY

London, January 21.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, said today that Britain could not be expected to carry other European countries on her back.

Speaking at Droylshen, Lancashire, he added: "We cannot risk destroying our own planned and increasingly successful economy, built up with such difficulty and sacrifice, by immediately integrating it with untested and tottering economies in other countries which have not shown the resolution to take effective steps to put themselves on a sound basis."

But Britain would work towards a properly planned and increasingly integrated European economy by all means which did not imperil what she had already achieved.

The Attorney-General defended the Commonwealth and foreign policy of the Labour Government.

Under the Labour Government, Britain had avoided war in spite of several incidents which differently handled, might have led to an armed conflict, Sir Hartley said.

"We seek no quarrel. With the Communist powers we shall remain at once fair and firm, hoping that in the end they will realize that friendship and straight dealing will serve their interests best as they will serve those of the rest of the world."

"In the meantime, we can rejoice in the existence of goodwill and co-operation between the peoples of the Western world to an extent never previously attained in peace.—Reuter.

GEORGE ORWELL DIES OF TB

London, January 21.

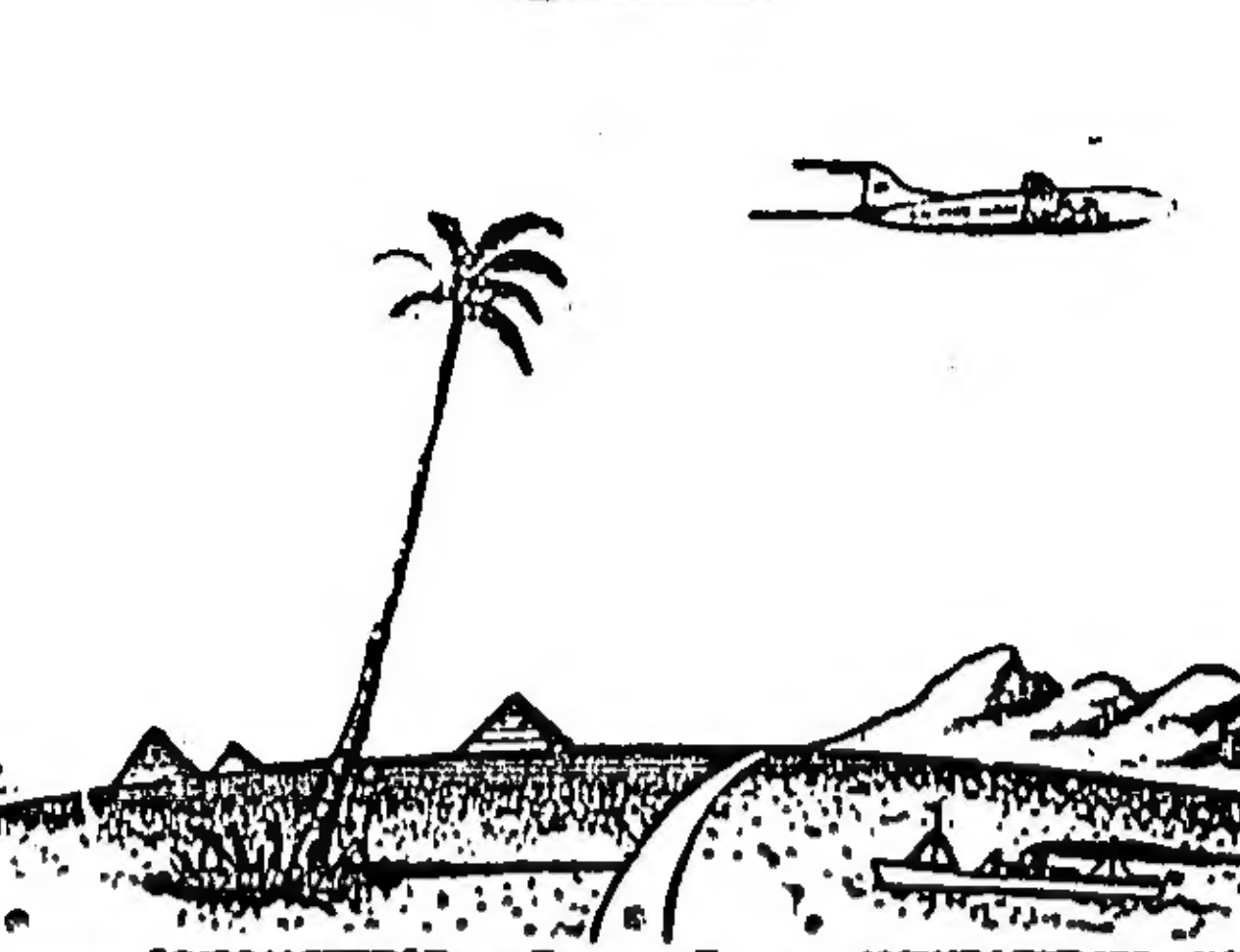
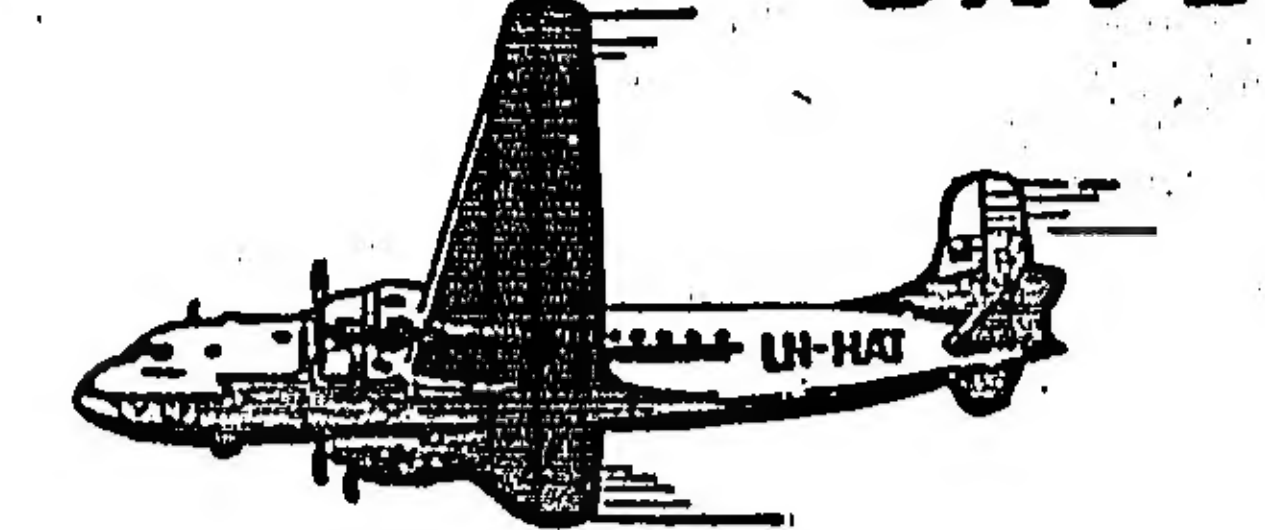
George Orwell, British writer of satirical works, who fought for the Republicans in the Spanish civil war, died here today aged 46. His real name was Eric Blair.

In Spain he served with the Anarchist formation, preferring that to the Communist-led International Brigade. He had been virtually an invalid with tubercular trouble for the past three years.

His "Animal Farm" drew considerable attention at the time of its publication several years ago. It was a striking satire on dictatorship and modern men under the guise of animals who liberated themselves from their human masters only to come under a worse tyranny from their own kind.

He was the son and grandson of members of the Indian Civil Service and served in the Burma police.—Reuter.

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12.30 "Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary

12.32 "Marching with the Regiment" introduced by Captain David Jones (Relay from the Forces Education Centre). Songs by Frances Langford and Tony Martin.

1.00 News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.15 "Off the Record" Presented by Ronnie Gibbons (Studio)

1.20 "From the Editorials" (London Relay)

1.30 Linda Carter Talks on Films (Studio)

1.35 "I Like What I Like" presented by John Miles (Studio)

1.55 "The Man who wasn't there" A Mystery Play by Victor Andrews. (H.K.T.S.)

2.25 Concerto No. 2 in C Minor (Mozart) Op. 65 Nicholas Medtner (Piano) with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Isaac Stern

10.00—Radio News Red (London Relay)

10.15 Weather Report

10.16 Latin American Music

10.30 "From the Ballet" "Faust" Symphonic Overture, of Paris Opera.

10.45 Dance to Alvin Roy and His Orchestra

11.00 Weather Report World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded)

11.05 "Did You Remember?"

11.30—Close Down.

GERMANS TO WORK IN CYRENAICA

Hamburg, January 21. Former members of the British-managed German Civil Labour Organisation will leave here tomorrow for Cyrenaica, where they will be employed as civil workers under a two-year contract.

Another 90 men will leave here on Tuesday.

Altogether 1,300 German workers and technicians who were registered by the British Labour Organisation for work in the Cyrenaica area are due to leave here shortly.

Their pay in Africa will be the same as that of other civilian workers.—Reuter.

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AMERICAN OPINION
SPLIT ON H-BOMB

Washington, January 21.

American Government and Congressional opinion is split into several camps on whether the United States should build the hydrogen bomb which is said to be at least 50 times more powerful than the atom bomb.

But in official quarters no one from President Truman down, will speculate on the bomb's power or the possibility of its construction.

Estimates of what the bomb would cost range betw an \$100,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

Division on the subject is reported to have spread even to the Atomic Energy Commission, the highest American authority on atomic power.

Some members are said to feel that the United States should build the H-bomb since leading world nuclear physicists knew the theory of its construction and Russia might make one.

But the thought of creating such a terrible engine of destruction worries other members of the Commission.

Unnamed officials connected with the Defence Department are said to have said that military chiefs would want the bomb for the United States if there were any possibility of Russia's developing the weapon.

When General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff, met the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee behind closed doors yesterday it was generally assumed that he told the Committee what the Service chiefs think about the super-bomb.

One atomic scientist, Dr. Arthur Compton, Nobel Prize physicist and wartime director of the Metallurgical atomic project, thinks that work should begin on the bomb, but advocates sound national opinion on H-bomb policy through a poll.

The development of the weapon would be "realistic" in view of atomic advances in other countries, he considered.

Opinion divided

Congress members, unusually reticent about commenting publicly on the issue, are clearly divided.

Mr. Elbert Thomas, Democratic Senator, said, "If anyone is going

Snow's havoc
in British
Columbia

Vancouver, January 21.

Twenty-five to 30 persons have been buried in snow-slides in British Columbia, and floods have started in parts of the Fraser Valley. For the second consecutive day no Eastbound rail traffic moved in or out of Vancouver. The trans-Canada highway remained broken at Flood by a 1,600-foot mountain snow-slide.

An estimated 1,600 railway passengers were trapped aboard passenger trains while between 10 and 20 freight trains were also caught. One report said a passenger train was partially buried by a snow avalanche near Mount Robson.—United Press.

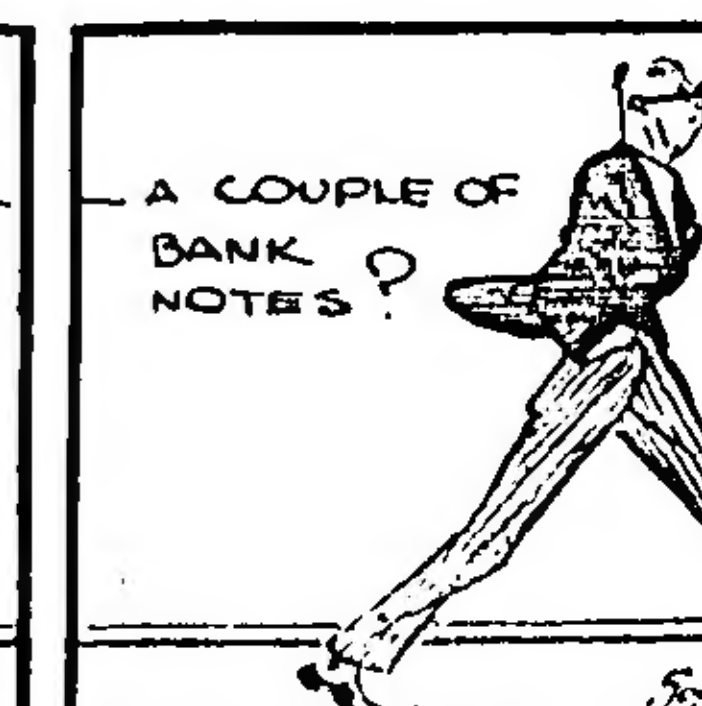
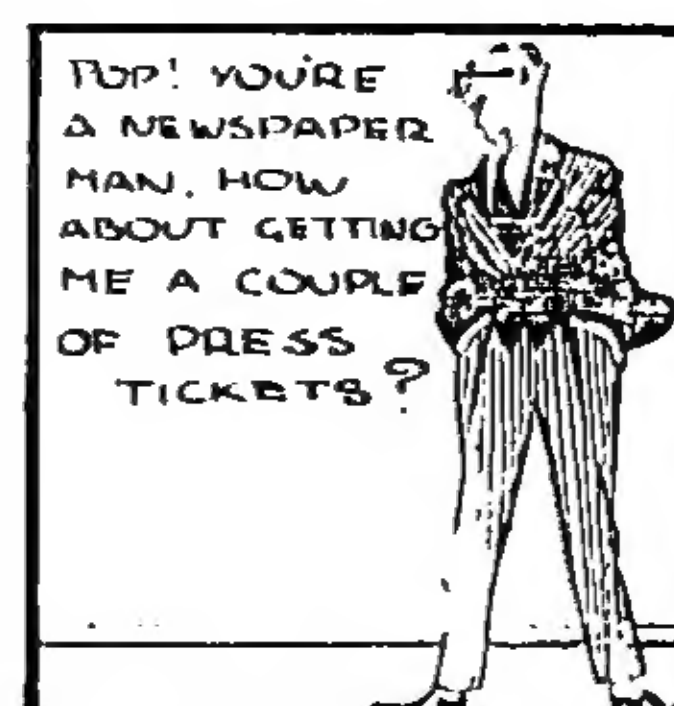
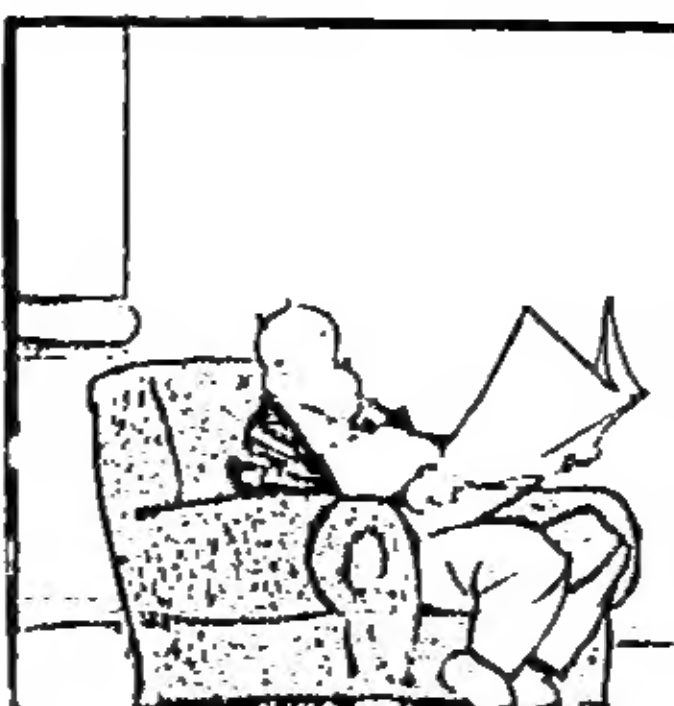
to build a hydrogen bomb we should build it."

Mr. Charles Eaton, senior Republican member of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, is against building the bomb.

Public speculation about a hydrogen bomb was touched off when Mr. Edwin Johnson, Senator and member of the Congressional Atomic Committee, declared in a television broadcast some time ago that United States physicists were trying to make a bomb 1,000 times more powerful than the wartime atomic bomb.—Reuter.

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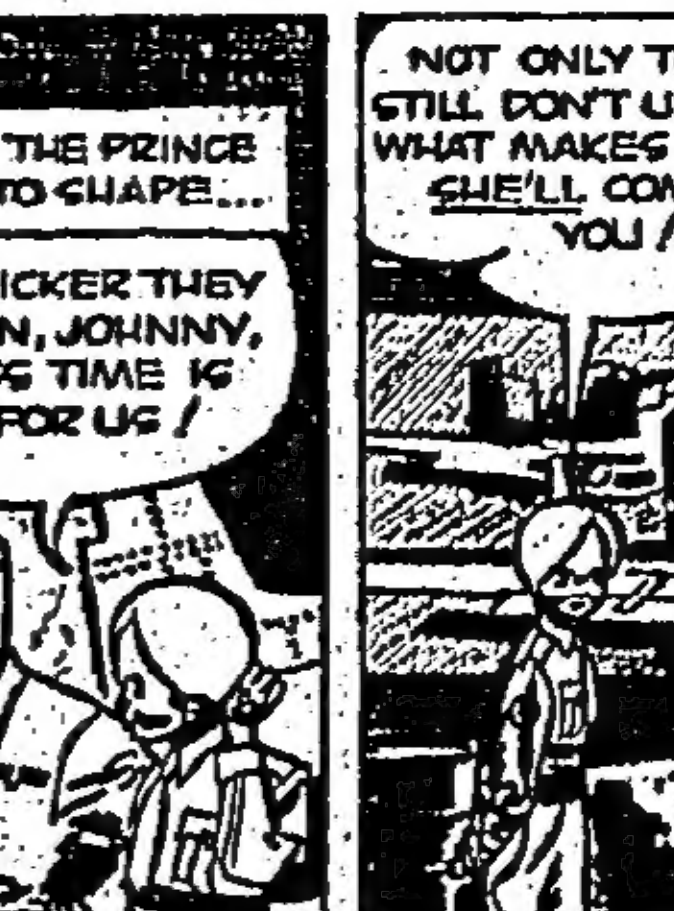
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